

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 8 of the application as filed (paragraph [0026] of U.S. Publication No. 2007/0135528), as follows:

In accordance with yet another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a porous material obtainable by the method as herein described above. The porous material may be used for one or more of the following applications: biomaterials, food materials, ~~tissue scaffolding,~~ DNA storage, ~~absorbents,~~ controlled release matrices, ~~scaffolds for sensor materials, wound-healing matrices,~~ agrochemical release, reagent release (*e.g.*, for chemical reactions), ~~scaffolds for combinatorial chemistry,~~ molecular separations, and diagnostic reagent release.